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Then and Now.

The letter of our Wellsburg correspondent is especially interesting to-day, on account of the extracts furnished from the diary of an old river pilot. The writer is reminded in perusing it of the old days of the river.

In March 1843, six years after the panic of 1837, flour was selling at \$2.25 at Wellsburg, and wheat at \$1.25. Flour was scarce, and wheat was not half as much as it is now.

It is, however, to be noted by June of that year, that the river was in flood, and the water was so high that it was impossible to get flour down to the city.

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## OUR WELLSBURG LETTER.

The Beauty of the Country—Further Interesting Extracts From the Diary of an Old River Pilot—History Now Repeating Itself.

WELLSBURG, June 17.

Correspondence of the Daily Intelligencer.

Nothing very strange or remarkable has occurred here or in the neighborhood since we last wrote. The growing crops certainly bid fair to produce more than an ordinary yield. Just now the country is in the fullness of its beauty. The scenery bids defiance to man's ingenuity to equal it either with pencil or brush. The music that resounds in the meadows, valleys and on the hill-tops, furnished by the innumerable feathered songsters, is superior to any instrument in the hands of a performer. All this grand scenery and a free open air concert can be enjoyed by all who will take the time and trouble to put themselves a few miles in the country at any time during the summer months.

W. H. White, of this place, but more recently of Seattle, Washington Territory, who has been here for some weeks visiting his father, Thompson White, started for Seattle this morning via P. & W. & Ky. Mr. White is a promising young lawyer; is District Attorney at Seattle, and is having a fine law practice.

W. J. Kelly, formerly of this place, is here visiting friends. He now resides at the hotel of the manager of the Union Pacific Railroad, and is well liked. We are promised a sight at a hearing of Edison's Phonograph to-day. Strawberry pie. Twenty-five cents per gallon. Messrs. Barclay & Jacob have recently been appointed Adams Express agents at this place.

We closed the diary in our last with the boatmen on their way to Natchez, Miss. We shall speedily pass through the book noting what may be deemed of interest. The next entry finds the crew only landed at Natchez. Flour at New Orleans is \$2.25. We find that the writer of the notes before us is anxious to be at home with his family. He warns his children against ever leaving the boat for a living. The theory is closed with the remark that the family, they may see what the writer experienced in the way of the ups and downs of a river life and of the markets, and the different stages of water in the Mississippi river.

Jan. 11, 1842. Wellsburg. Weather pleasant for time of year; no ice in the river yet. Flour \$2.25; pork \$2.25; wheat \$1.00; times hard; money scarce and not to be had here. It is of little use.

March 4, 1842. The Ohio Banks resume their business. Bankruptcy law in force; many taking the benefit of it.

March 20, 1842. New Orleans very quiet. Flour \$2.25; pork \$2.25; wheat \$1.00; times hard; money scarce and not to be had here. It is of little use.

June 7, 1842. On the night of the 6th of June there fell a heavy white frost; as to damage, not yet known; no ice in the river yet. Flour \$2.25; pork \$2.25; wheat \$1.00; times hard; money scarce and not to be had here. It is of little use.

July 4, 1842. Day warm and pleasant. Heavy frost; no ice in the river yet. Flour \$2.25; pork \$2.25; wheat \$1.00; times hard; money scarce and not to be had here. It is of little use.

## OUR MOUNDSVILLE LETTER.

MOUNDSVILLE, June 17, 1878. Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

As we predicted some many of our old Council were re-elected, the spirit of improvement has again broken out in our town, and some of the best work yet done is now just begun. The grading of one street is now nearly finished, while the street from the depot to the Penitentiary begins to show what the improvement will be when finished. This is the street along which the water pipe is laid which carries the water to the prison, and the State, with convict labor, did a considerable portion of the grading, and it now seems to be the determination of the Council to have it finished. This is giving work to a number of men and boys who would otherwise have nothing at all to do. It is to be hoped that it can be kept under way the entire summer, because it will give help to those who work, and at the same time, the town is getting improvements that have been badly needed for the last hundred years.

The rolling mill and agricultural works, both being in full blast, gives our city to-day quite a business aspect. No definite arrangements have, as yet, been made with us for the celebration of the Fourth of July, though it is expected they will be made some time during the week.

The nice croquet grounds at the rear of Mound City Hotel seem to be all the rage now, and from early morning until late at night (for the ground is kept lighted at night) can be heard the tap, tap of the mallet as it strikes the ball. This gives exercise to some who sorely need it by the way, we note the croquet grounds not only a success but a well-kept institution. McFadden deserves praise for it as he does for all the many nice improvements going on around his hotel.

Robt. McConnell, Esq., has turned grapes, and is so much at home among his growing vegetables that he spends a great deal of his time with them. That is while it is cool and shady. The examination of Hiram Brandon for the murder of Thos. Brannon, which was to have taken place today is postponed until Wednesday. He will be taken to Benwood for examination.

The firm of Bonar & Hammond has been dissolved by mutual consent and the business is now conducted by Mr. T. S. Bonar, Mr. Hammond retiring. He will continue to receive for his share the revenue of a liberal share of patronage. X.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The third Committee of Conference on the Legislative, Executive and Judiciary Appropriation Bill has reached an agreement. It provides that the House shall recede from its proposed abolition of the offices of the Fourth and Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, and from the reduction of the pay of Senate employees.

The Senate is to recede from its disagreement to the House providing reducing the grade and pay of clerks in the Executive Department so far as they affect about one half of the clerks. The grades and number of the others are to be left unchanged.

SUNDAY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL. The Senate Committee on Appropriations has completed its consideration of the Sunday Civil Appropriation bill. There are about two hundred amendments, increasing its title from \$16,847,775, as granted by the House, to nearly \$21,000,000. The additional amount is made up chiefly of items, aggregating \$2,200,000 for deficiencies in appropriations of former years and an increase of about \$1,150,000 in the amounts voted by the House for continuing work on the public buildings throughout the country.

AMENDMENTS AGREED ON. Among the amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill agreed upon by the Senate committee to-day are the following: To increase the salary of the Secretary of the Interior from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the Treasury from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the War from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the Navy from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the Interior from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the Treasury from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the War from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the Navy from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the Interior from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the Treasury from \$10,000 to \$12,000; to increase the salary of the Secretary of the War from \$10,000 to \$12,000; 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